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March 4, 2005

Freedom of Information/ Privacy Office

Mr. Ernie Lazar 577 S. Thomhill Road #6 Palm Springs, California 92264-7884

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This responds to your Privacy Act request of October 7, 2003, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a copy of all documents and references to the John Birch Society and the deceased persons list. The FBI, on February 22, 2005, forwarded your letter along with the Department of the Army records retrieved from their files, for a releasability determination. This correspondence was received in this office on March 1, 2005.

The referred records have been reviewed and determined to be partially releasable to you. Fees for processing this request are waived and the records are enclosed for your use.

As a result of this review, information has been sanitized that would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy rights of the individuals concerned. The sanitized information is exempt from public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(6).

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General John F. Kimmons, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the FBI (FOIA/PA #0985453-000).

If you have any questions concerning this action, please feel free to contact Ms. Birckhead at (301) 677-2308. Refer to case #481F-05.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Butterfie

Director

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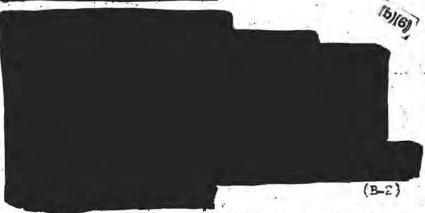
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5. On 25 August 1965, an examination of "The Frederick Post" newspaper, published in Frederick, Maryland, revealed a letter to the Editor written by entitled, "Nottest Places in Hell Are For The 'lukewarm'", attached as EXHIBIT and a news article concerning an interview with the entitled "Birchites

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6. On 24 August 1965, the files of the Security Officer, US Army Bio Labo, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland, were examined and revealed a Summary of Information, dated 4 December 1964, entitled, "The Cresap Association, AKA: The Cresap Society", in which the mentioned prominently. A copy of this SoI is attached as Z(HIBIT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (b)(6)

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| Headquarters and Service Company, US Army Joint S on 11 August 1965, he had attended a meeting of the Jon Ridge Summit Sportsmen's Association (BRSSA), Blue Rid Was invited to the function by INU (Polk Part owner of the Keystone Carage, Blue Rid Source became acquainted with at the Garage whe work performed on his car. On 10 August 1965, Source's place of work and asked him if he would like John Birch Society at 1900 hours 11 August at BRSSA. Shortly before 1900 hours 11 August, just as meeting did not actually start until approximately 200 although had indicated that he had expected bet attend, actually only 21 people, including were present. Source recognized no one of the 21, all including four women present, as being military, but on believed to be a civilian employee of Fort Ritchie Posthas seen in working clothing walking about the Post Engineers. The possible Engineer employee is desired by Source to be the only perviews, talked to Source before the meeting and for a function of the Source of the John Bit and attended business meetings at "the Hagerstown chap Hagerstown, Maryland, once or twice per month. He fur Hagerstown area ministers are members of the organizat that he will soon send him some literature and invited attend one of the Hagerstown meetings.  When it is considered by Source to be the organizat that he will soon send him some literature and invited attend one of the Hagerstown meetings.  When is not affiliated with the John Birch Society, but Minute Men was once a John Birch Society member and the that he was advocating violence, he was asked to read The Ra 381-130 apply."  The provisions of para 28 Scancer Dispector of the Carage Paragers.  The Provisions of para 28 Scancer Dispector of the Carage Paragers.  The Provisions of para 28 Scancer Dispector of the Carage Paragers.  The Provisions of para 28 Scancer Dispector of the Carage Paragers.  The Provisions of para 28 Scancer Dispector of the Caragers Paragers. | In Birch Society at the Blue age Summit, Pennsylvania.  Directory indicates age Summit, Pennsylvania.  Bere Source occasionally has telephoned at to attend a meeting of the arrived at BRSSA as unlocking the doors. The hours, possibly because ween 75 and 100 people to and the guest speaker of whom were caucasian, we man who attended is at Engineer Section, whom he post in the vicinity of arrived as follows:  All the way are as operator of a hardware weside a man who identified telephone number as on there who voiced extreme are in a home just outside ther stated that three are source to go with him to the ded that he occasionally and that he feels that the communist takeover of the med States wake up.  Inization known as The Minute at when it became apparent |

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student who came with the guest speaker, identified himself as a student at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, the son of a college professor residing in the Emmitsburg area, a member of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), and a citizen worried about the Communist menace. Source does not recall for sure, but believes that he stated that he is a history major at Mount Saint Mary's. He invited Source to attend a national open forum conference of YAF at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. on 27, 28, and 29 August 1965. The student is described as follows:

Age: Weight: 19-21 155-165

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He did not elaborate on his connection with the guest speaker. He appeared to be sincere in his beliefs, but did not appear to be planted there for the purpose of stimulating discussions or to obtain information. The guest speaker, name not recalled by Source, had a common name possibly something like He identified himself to as a civilian employee of Fort Detrick, Maryland, working in the publications section. He drove a bus-like vehicle, possibly a Volkswagon bus, with a green Fort Detrick post decal on the bumper, decal number and license number not recalled by Source. He told Source that he plans to terminate his employment at Fort Detrick on 13 August 1965, in order to spend full time working for the John Birch Society. He did not express any dissatisfaction with his work at Fort Detrick. The guest speaker is described as follows:

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who was the host. The guest speaker introduced and showed two films, total length of both films being approximately two hours. The guest speaker did not personally speak more than a total of ten minutes, except during the question and answer period which immediately followed the last film. The films were not titled, and consisted solely of speeches by Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society. They purported to be films of speeches made by Welch in 1959 and another made in December 1962. They outlined, generally, Welch's position on Communism world-wide and in the United States. Welch made no accusations against anyone or any group, other than the Communist Party, and the only people he actually termed Communists were Nehru of India and Nasser of Egypt. The films, as was the entire meeting, were obviously aimed at recruiting new members. When the speaker opened themseting to (Cont'd)

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questions, it was three or four minutes before anyone asked anything. He found it difficult to elicit questions from the group, and most of those which were asked had to do with matters such as payment of dues, rather than questions of political belief. One person asked if it was true that Welch had once termed President Eisenhower a Communist or Communist dupe, and the speaker answered that this statement had been taken out of context, and that the only way he could answer the

question was to refer the questioner to a book being sold at the meeting. opinion was that the speaker was more interested in selling various John Birch Society literature than he was in recruiting individuals as members. The question period lasted fifteen or twenty minutes. Most of the people attending appeared disinterested during the question period, and several kept looking at their watches. After the meeting, the guest speaker sold John Birch literature to several people. Source bought the basic \$10 set of books, plus several more books, for a total purchase of \$14.70. The basic books, with their authors, are as follows: "While You Slept" by John T. Flynn; "The Web of Subversion" by James Burnham; "America's Retreat from Victory" by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy; "Odyssey of a Fellow Traveler" by J. B. Mathews; "Shanghai Conspiracy" by Major General Charles A. Willoughby; "From Major Jordan's Diaries" by George Racey Jordan; "I saw Poland Betrayed" by Arthur Bliss Iane; "The People's Pottage" by Caret Carrett; "The Kohler Strike" by Sylvester Petro; "The Pentagon Case" by Colonel Victor J. Fox; "The Tragedy of Bolivia" by Alberto Ostria Gutierrez; and "Nine Men Against America" by Rodalie M. Gordon. All the above are reprints by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Massachusetts. The following are books and pamphlets not a part of the basic set, out are printed by American Opinion: "Two Revolutions At Once" by Robert Welch; Bulletin for July 1965," The John Birch Society;". The Conference of Chief Justices", a report first published by the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Government, Travelers Building, Richmond, Virginia; "Republics and Democracies" by Robert Welch; "One Dozen Candles" by Robert Welch and "The Suppressed Report," concerning the movement to impeach Earl Warren. The following are not part of the basic set, and are privately printed for Robert Welch: "The Blue Book of the John Birch Society" and "The Politician" by Robert Welch. The only other materials purchased (a part of the \$14.70) is a pamphlet entitled: "Is the Supreme Court Pro-Communist?", which is prefaced by T. Coleman Andrews, and produced by The Patrick Henry Group, Post Office Box 217, Richmond 2, Virginia, of which Andrews is listed as chairman; and a book list published by American Opinion, which lists approximately 400 books, whose titles suggest that most are of a political nature. Source's reason for this purchase was to learn more concerning the basic beliefs and policies of the Society, although he has no intention of becoming a member. Source stayed at the meeting place for approximately fifteen or twenty minutes after the meeting ended, talking "small talk" with various people. No one seemed to be discussing politics after the meeting. As the meeting was breaking up, a (Cont'd)

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man dressed in a Navy uniform, believed to be that of a Chief Petty Officer, came into the clubhouse and walked into the kitchen as though he might be a member or at least someone familiar with the clubhouse. No one paid any attention to him and he paid no attention to anyone there. Source has seen him at Headquarters and Service Company at Fort Ritchie. Source believes that he had nothing whatsoever to do with the meeting. When the left the clubhouse there were still ten or twelve people who remained behind, talking in little groups. Source noticed no Fort Ritchie decals on any of the automobiles.

b;(6) considered the meeting solely a recruiting meeting. Membership application blanks were given to all attending. No views were offered which seemed to be radical or extreme, in that there seemed to be no "hate" diatribe against any individual, group, race, or country, other than possibly Communists in general. The general theme was that the Society's only aim is to educate Americans concerning the Communist threat. Religion was not mentioned. Nothing was discussed concerning the race problem, civil rights, states' rights, or groups other than the John Birch Society. Most of the group attending wore casual clothing, and appeared to be residents of the area. No one seemed to be there for the purpose of stimulating discussion, prolonging the meeting, or eliciting any kind of information concerning the area or individuals present. No one asked what his military work consisted of. The only literature being passed out which Source considers was not from the John Birch Society was some pamphlets being distributed by These pamphlets were anti-Negro in nature, and were entitled "Martin Luther King and his 'Civil Rights' Urinators," sold by Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., Box 46205, Cole Branch, Hollywood 46, California. told that he had about 200 of the pamphilets. They were all alike, and one of the pamphlets is attached as EXHIBIT 1. does not know if the guest speaker was aware that was going to distribute the pamphlets. As people were leaving, Warner announced that another meeting would be held in the sameplace on 18 August 1965. Source believes that this was a spur-of-the-moment decision, possibly based on disappointment at poor attendance at the instant meeting. definite plans, but may possibly attend the next meeting.

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and salvation of our nation, But I earnestly suggest you watch the next "MEET THE PRESS," so as to get the names of their local Sponsors and let them and MEET THE PRESS and the NETWORKS know how you feel - and what you will do about it.

Now, to remove even a remote doubt that my criticism of "MEET THE PRESS" is too horsh, I will stress an even far more victous and helinous (easure of the "CIVIC RIGHTS" demonstrations in Alabama:

stress an even far more victous and heinous (sature of the "EIVIL RIGHTS" demonstrations in Alabama.

We know that more than 30,000 individuals participated in those "Marches" — meny, it not the vast majority, were non-residents of Alabams. Marry of them were tennagers and in the 20 and 30 year brackets. They were lured there by the Communist Negro and White "Leaders" by promises (fulfilled) of \$10:00 per day, and free rooms and board, plus promises (fulfilled) at \$20:00 per day, and free rooms and board, plus promise (fulfilled) of \$10:00 per day, and free rooms and board, plus promises (fulfilled) of \$20:00 per day, and free rooms and board, plus promises (fulfilled) at \$20:00 per day, and free rooms and they were promised projected of all their law less that they were promised projected by "EDEKAT TROOPS. ON JOHNSON'S ORDES!!

At of that was documented by Congressmen. William L. Dickinson, in a speech in the House, he stated Drunkenness and sex orgies was the order of the day in Salms, on the road to Montgomery and in Montgomery. The participants in the March consisted of Negroes, de-gooders, Communists and prostitures. The Communist Party, with a powerful saint by the "National Council, of Churches," the projection of the March Constitutes. The Communist Party, with a powerful saint by the "National Council, of Churches," day without groups cohestwares, MONEY, and direction, by King and similar Thyrographs. Free Coye among this group was not only condoned. It was ENCOURAGED. They were told that only by the Utilmate sex and with one of another, color can

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they demonstrate they have no prejudice. The Congressmen backed up his speech with leaflets and "Bullotins" issued by the "Leaders" of the Demonstrations."

To remove All doubt that the "National Council . of Churches" FULLY supports the Kings and the Racial strife, I quote from a statement by our "President" Johnson, who stated that "the first grants of funda for RADIO TOUGALOO ASSOCIATION, (a flaming Red confin) was made by the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES 1: 1.

OF CHURCHES": 1.1.

These are the kind of people, sex crazed African tavages, beatniks, prostitutes, sex perverts; homo-sexuels who are screening for "Civil Rights" and "Equality" for the Notices—and are encouraged ond practical by only President, who is fully aware of all of the above that that should not be a stronishing after all, Johnson's palsy wastes throughout his carges; are known crooks, whindler condental literal political charlaters, nonotaxuels, the wastes of the services of th

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In several of our "News-Bulletins" we clearly In several of our "New-Bulletins" we clearly realed the kind of Nearo, rightings and "Demonstrations" that had been blue printed for action in 194 (after the slighting) to throw our entire nation in chaos and analyse, in protein to bring about "Martil Law" under flinght the pleaded with everybody to long user against it. We stressed that the right were to be "commanded" by Negro Leaders—with Martin Luther (pardon) LUCIFER King to be the KI leader—with Johnson's blessings 111. Leader - with Johnson's blessings ! ! !

Now, during the past months, we have seen it pauses[Ingly afroclous "non-violent" demonstration in Alabams — under the leadership of King "Usurinants"

The reason King is the "Key" to this entire "CIV RIGHTS" plot is that he is a so-called "Reverend" but more important, because Johnson's deer is will place this weepled be Black Dictain Moreover, a black man openly breaks laws and defies Court junctions, but is shielded by the Washington power that he from the kind of prosecution that no Wh Southerner, not even a Governor, can escape.

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all has been fully established that King has been directly affiliated with more than 50 Red Front groups- and that he and his "demonstrations" are financially supported (lavishly) by the One World, pipmers who are deliberately using the Negroes to abcomplish their objectives, as was directed in the brade Cohen book "A RACIAL PROGRAM FOR THE 20th CENTURY."

So, now we submit at least two incidents in Alebama the distinctly PROVE the the Weshington authorities (Johnson and Katzenbach) will do nothing to stop the brazen lawlossness of King and his mobs, that, in fect, they ancourage and sustain it—and that all of our Moss Communications Media frienziedly "hush-up" all that lawlessness and betrayali travali

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1.1). Recently, an Eriday, Marche 19, 1965, in better and columns Morrie Ryskind published in the LA. Times, a review of King's "non-ylolenik demonstrations in Selme and Birmingham (is, defiance of Court Injunctions). He headed his column with BULL of HOW NECESSARY. WAS IT (REALLY," He, went into all the aspects of the Civil Rights and Desegregation movement. In the past (sad aven in that Column) of Ryskind frequently deploted the persecutions supposedly suffered by the Negrous — and the need for "smellerstion" of their wrongs." But, at one point, navested by the vice sets of the "Marchers" point, nauseated by the vile esta of the "Marchers in Alabama, he cried out (published)

"But was the Cause really helped when 75 of those picketing Gov. George Wallace demonstrated by rising at a given signal and urinating in the streets?

That act was, at the very least, indecent exposure and public nuisance — both criminal acts! Nothing was done about it by the Authorities — and no mention of it was made by ANY of our Mass Communications Media (except by Ryskind in his L. A.

2) Now for another, and even more reprehensible and foul (Criminal) act: Immediately after the issuance of the Desegregation Decision, a group of the place was filled with Whites and Negroes At a given Hand, all the Negroes grabbed the signs, all the Negroes grabbed the signs, bowls off the tables, stood up, and urinated into them, and then, amid howls of laughter, reglected the bowls on the tables.

That act, (and it was repeated in other eating places) was not only indepent exposure and public nuisance; it was a mense to public health. And it follows the substitute of t

courage the Negro-Communist atrocities, to with

On March 21, st the conclusion of the MED THE PRESS" TV show! Lawrence Solvek, owner of the show, announced: "Our next distinguished guest will be Rev. Martin Luther King."

will be Rev. Martin Luther King."

Thereupon, we prompily, wrote him about the above mentioned incidents, with a verballin quote of Ryskind's PUBLISHED statement. Spivak has laways assured that: "all questions and opinions expressed by our panel (and himself) are not their own personal opinions — they merely seek to provide the public with impartial facts, views and UNI-BIASED news."

Quoting his own statement in our letter, we appealed to him to direct two vital questions to King:

1) "Repeat the Ryskind charge and ask him (King) if he approved of such a "demonstration." Assum-

ing that King would "plously" proclaim disapproval.

I urged Spivak To ask him if he would be willing to deliver the perpetualors of that foul est to the authorities for proper protections are would be call that "POLICE BRUTALITY".

We also urged Spivek to ask King the same ques-tions about the fout ech committed by his par-secured? Negroes in the Resignature S

Spivek received our letter in plenty of time. We KNOW THAT — we have his (Post Office) signed receipt. But neither Spivek nor any of his panelists esked either questions.

Instead, they leared over backward to provide this black saboteur of our nation with an "imperior piery and righteousness"— as follows:

As we know, there was a right Court injunction against the (demonstrating) Marches in Sains and Simingham— and as we know, king had score fully defied the "injunctions" and ordered the Marches to proceed; none of the panelists asked him, in view of his (King's) proclamations that all of his activities are non-viologic and less shall only be the defied the Court injunction (God, plausy, but leftity, declared that he score duit laws that are not in accord with (his idea of) moral laws. This, from a black man whose innate instincts still are avagery; if not campballism, and all but one of the panelists modded approvingly! [1]

Now, this is not the only time that "MEEJ-THE-PRESS" has provided a nation-wide forum for victous haters of America—the despicable Krishna Menon was one of them.

So now I will let YOU appraise this "MEET THE PRESS" In your own way ... I will let YOU decide which is more important: a "MEET THE PRESS" and others of that ilk on TV and Radio, who delude, deceive and brainwash the people — or the safety

28 September 1967

The following information was obtained on 27 September 1967 while attending a VFW meeting in Joppatowne, Maryland.

Approximately two weeks ago the Post Commander received correspondence from

(b)(6) phone: The correspondence requested that the VFW distribute a petition which was to be sent to the US Congress asking or demanding that the US stop aiding the enemy and, among other things, cited the trade with Communist-bloc nations.

and determined that he One of the members of the Post visited was a member of the John Birch Society and head of the local chapter. The local chapter has about 15 members. was in no way reluctant to discuss his affiliation and volunteered books, pamphlets and 16mm movies (b)(6) for VFW perusal.

The VFW Post is drafting a letter to thanking him for the correspondence but declining the opportunity to circulate the petition.

> James H. Wittrup OPS-III, USAINTC

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Mr. Ernie Lazar Post Office Box 423434 San Francisco, CA 94142-3434

FOIPA No. 220,504

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request concerning the John Birch Society.

Reference is made to the release of documents to you dated August 8, 1996, in which certain documents were withheld from FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) file number 62-104401 pending a classification review from our Document Classification Unit (DCU). DCU has completed their review of these documents and all releasable pages are enclosed with this letter.

Certain information in these documents is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, subsections (b)(2), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(7)(D). Please refer to the enclosed Form 4-694a for further explanation of these exemptions.

You may submit an appeal from any denial contained herein by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington D.C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

Sincerely yours,

J. Kevin O'Brien, Chief Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Section

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Mr. Ernest Lazar P.O. Box 423434 San Francisco, CA 94142-3434

Dear Mr. Lazar:

We have finished processing your May 3, 1991 request. Your request was forwarded to us by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

All releasable information is provided at enclosure (1), along with the Explanation of Exemptions. The FBI and this Service have taken exemptions under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C).

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. You are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter to the Secretary of the Navy's designee: Judge Advocate General (Code 34), Department of the Navy, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-2400. The envelope and letter should bear the annotation "FOIA Appeal."

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Fees have been waived as they fall below the automatic fee waiver threshold.

Sincerely,

James E. MEYEN

MAJOR, USMC

Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

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#### EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 U.S.C. \$552):

- (1) protects from disclosure national security information concerning the national defense or foreign policy;
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William E. Dunham

ITEM: From remarks by a State Department spokesman on June 30, 1971;

So far as we are aware, option is not grown legally in the People's Republic of China and none is exported by the Chinese Communist authorities.

CORRECTION: The author of that remark, William D. Blair Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs, simply is not telling the truth, Consider:

As early as December 13, 1961, Mr. Lawrence Sullivan, Coordinator of Information for the United States House of Representatives, revealed that "for the first time in human history, the systematic production and distribution of narcotic drugs has become an organized government monopoly in Red China. In 10 years, Mao Tise-tung has built up a virtual monopoly in opium, heroin and morphine."

Mr. Harry Anslinger, for many years director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, has reported that the Chinese Communists have maintained a Cabinet Officer in charge of their worldwide illegal drug operation, giving him the euphemistic title of Chief of Special Trade, Furthermore, noted Mr. Anslinger, "Spreading narcotic addiction and obtaining funds for political purposes through the sale of heroin and opium is not just the policy of one man in the Communist regime, It is the policy of the entire Communist regime in mainland China,"

Even as our government officials have grown increasingly vague about this dangerous situation, it has become progressively worse. For example, the 1966 edition of Encyclopedia Americana notes that "there is only fragmentary evidence available concerning the situation in the mainland of China ... but it is to be assumed that even if the production of opium is forbidden, that country is still by far the most important producer." As we know, such production in Red

China is in fact encouraged as a government monopoly.

On May 14, 1969, nationally syndicated columnist Phyllis Battelle discussed an interview she conducted with Ed Reid, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and crime researcher. Miss Battelle quoted Reid as follows: "There is no question but that the youth of this country are the victims of a conspiracy. The object is to get the kids on drugs, and effectively destroy the next generation of adults." Miss Battelle went on to note: "Reid believes that Red China's Mao Tse-tung is 'financing cells to push the drug influence around America - and using the established transportation system of the Mafia' to distribute them effectively."

The alarming rate of drug addiction among G.Ls in Vietnam is also a part of this problem. Political reporter Kevin Phillips observed in his syndicated column

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# This letter is one grain of sand, in a mighty barricade huilt out of millions of similar grains, to form A PROTEST TO THE PRESIDENT

President Richard M. Nixon The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Nixon:

Please do not go! The Communist regime in Peking, which you plan to visit, is not even recognized by our State Department as a legitimate government.

There are many reasons for our plea. Basically, we think it would be unwise on your part, and unfaithful to the American people, for you to a new ideach. Internization with the most vicious, deadly, and determined enemies our nation has ever faced. But more specific reasons follow.

You will not be showing friendship with the people of Mainland China. On such a visit you will be doing just the opposite. You will be giving your moral support, and the prestige of de facto American recognition, to the most cruel tyrants in history. These brazen mass murderers are so justly hated by their enslaved victims that hundreds of thousands of these victims lose their lives, every year, in attempts to revolt against, or escape from, the incredibly foul imprisonment to which they are subjected.

Technically, we are still at war, in Korea, with this Red Chinese Regime. No treaty of peace has ever been signed. There are still over three hundred of our captured soldiers, neither returned nor accounted for, who have died or who still remain in the filthy prisons of these savage beasts. For they abide by no international conventions of civilized nations, nor by any of the practices at home which would entitle them to be considered a legal government. They are nothing more than a clique of Communist criminals who keep themselves enthroned by terror, torture, and other forms of utterly ruthless suppression. Why does a President of the United States want to associate with such outcasts of the political world?

Actually, we are now at war in South Victnam with these same Communist gangsters. They not only supply food, arms, equipment and money to our North Vietnamese enemies, and to the Viet Cong guerrillas, but they direct, and their agents actively participate in, many of the most foul and murderous operations against the civilian population of our South Vietnamese allies. And these Red Chinese bosses of the Communist activities in Southeast Asia have openly boasted that they would supply our North Vietnamese enemies with more troops to fight us, if needed. How can you so belittle by your actions the very cause for which nearly fifty thousand young Americans have already given their lives?

And these international criminals are most certainly engaged in war with us right now, right here on American soil. It is a Communist-style war, of course, But, as Congressman John G, Schmitz so fully documented in a speech that filled forty-four pages of the April 21, 1971 Congressional Record, the Viet Cong front in the United States, constantly proclaiming its glorification of Mao Tse-tung, now constitutes a whole army of active revolutionary guerrillas in our very midst. They seek to win this war for the subjugation of the American people by the usual Communist strategy of breaking down our will to resist. Their most important weapons in this destruction of American character and undermining of American institutions are also the only exports which the Peking

Attachment (1/4 to HIS Information Report Let's look at some of the history of your newfound friends. In 1927 the Chinese Communists, acting as guerrillas, took advantage of Chiang Kai-shek's "northern campaign" to put their machinery of terror, torture, and death into high gear. They have followed that procedure, through many ups and downs, and through all expedient twistings and turnings, ever since. In 1932 the London Morning Post quoted an eye-witness missionary as follows: "The outrages committed by the Red Bandits in several provinces of China during the past few years are without equal in any age...." And from a regular army officer: "All the horrible, most horrible particulars that could be told about this would never give a complete idea of the reality; bodies flayed, hearts torn out, insides scattered about, victims burned alive... not to mention the atrocities against the women." And the Shanghai Journal gave the record of these outrages, within two years, in Hupeh Province alone: "Persons put to death, 164,551; persons disappeared, 946,000; persons kidnapped, 78,000; homes burned, 300,000."

It is worth noting that these figures, far from being mere guesses, could have been surprisingly accurate. For the only reason you flay a man, strip off his skin and let him die in horrible agony, instead of shooting him or chopping off his head, is that you want to make widely known to other people what will happen to them if they do not fall in line. And the Chinese Communists have always made it a practice to publicize, with names and details, their executions, mass murders, and other atrocities, in order to make terror a more effective weapon in their program.

So information of this kind has always been available, for those who would take the pains to put it together. And the American Federation of Labor did so in 1952. According to its careful study, within two years after the Chinese Reds had finished taking over the mainland at the end of 1949, they had deliberately murdered fourteen million people in order to demoralize all opposition and consolidate their power. The best estimates are that since then they have murdered in cold blood at least twenty million more. It is also known that they have invented, and regularly used, some seventy new kinds of horrible torture, as a means of making their terror more effective in eliminating even potential resistance. Altogether, with an extremely small percentage of the population to act as executioners, terrorists, slavedrivers, wardens, and bureaucratic administrators of their gigantic prison, these tyrants have imposed on the hundreds of millions of Chinese people a combination of such ceaseless labor, famine, destitution, regimentation, misery and fear as has never been equalled for so large a number over so long a period of time in the history of the human race.

Regardless of all the early permutations of committees, positions, and titles, Man Tse-tung has been the boss of this clique of cutthroats since 1927. He has been formally and undisputably so since 1931. At that time General Chu Teh, in charge of Mao's "army," might have been considered the second in command. Chou En-lai was third, but next to Mao himself in all political power and controls. Within three or four years Chou had become second in all respects. Twenty-two years ago he became both Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs in this "government" by force and terror, and has remained its No. 2 man ever since. The record shows conclusively that during all of the forty-five years from 1927 until the present time, Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai have been two of the most unceasingly brazen liars, viciously cruel murderers, and ruthlessly coldblooded monsters who have ever appeared in human form, Yet it is these two men with whom you are planning, as the highest official of our nation, to break bread, exchange presents, bestow honors on each other, and issue joint communiques of friendship and mutual regard. While hundreds of millions of the Chinese people writhe in agony at this bitterly foreboding spectacle, Mr. President, we ask you, respectfully and sincerely: How can you do 11?

butchers can offer to the world - namely lies, dope, and revolution. What on earth do we have to gain by making it easier for them to flood us with all three?

There are now more than one billion human beings throughout the world who are living under Communist slavery. Because of our country's once glorious history as the protagonist of freedom, these pitiful victims of massacre and betrayal have hoped and prayed that some day the great United States of America would take a sincere and earnest stand against the brutal tyranny of Communism. For any such stand would soon provide these captive peoples with the opportunity and the courage to rise and throw off their chains. But the significance of the visit you have planned will be such that all hope of freedom among the already conquered serfs of Communism will be turned into darkness and despair. For what purpose, Mr. President?

In aiming at peace, you may be accomplishing only surrender. As Louis Budenz pointed out many years ago, in his penetrating book, The Cry Is Peace, based on his personal knowledge from high within the Communist ranks, the Communists count on the appeal of peace as the most important ideological weapon for herding all the nations and all the peoples of the earth into the corral of Communism. It is partly for this reason that the Insiders of the Great Conspiracy, and their Communist-controlled instrumentality called the United Nations, have managed to foment so many wars, big and little since the United Nations was established in 1945 by Alger Hiss, V.M. Molotov, and (primarily) by seventeen other men of whom all but one have since been proved to have been outright Communist agents.

All of this is well known to you, Mr. President. You are bound to be well aware that the war in Victnam, which you inherited, was originally planned, and has been conducted under political controls and restrictions, so that it would damage the United States, and help the Communists, in many ways. It may be that you would have found it too difficult to reverse this sinister plan. But why should you go further, and have even the peace for which the Communists have been clamoring arrived at in such a manner as so beautifully to serve Communist aims?

This forthcoming peace will clearly betray our South Vietnamese allies — whom we promised to protect and defend — into Communist hands. The developments now under way will clearly betray into ruin and ultimate slavery our longtime friends and allies, the Nationalist Chinese on Formosa, where Chiang Kai-shek has created such a showplace of human freedom and relative prosperity right off against the horrible cage, not even fit for the lower animals, which Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai have made of Mainland China. But the course obviously foreshadowed, unless the American people have the understanding and the courage to reverse it, will just as clearly lead in due course to our accepting the same kind of peace which the Communist bosses have in mind.

Peace is very easy for any nation and any people to obtain, Mr. President, on Communist terms. Peace has already been imposed, beyond any practicable hope of resistance, on the people of Russia, of Roumania, of Hungary, of Cuba, of North Korea and of twoscore other countries. But this kind of peace has many faces. There is the morning peace of the grave, for those who during the night have died of hunger and despair. There is the evening peace of the slaughter house, when the day's slaughtering is done. And the cold, deadly, timeless peace of the escapeless prison, after a hopeless revolt has been subdued. The Communist peace is always, everywhere, compounded of all three, is this to be the fate of "the land of the free and the home of the brave" which our fathers bequeathed to us? This is certainly the end towards which your present steps — as guided by your un-American evil genius named Kissinger — appear to be directed.

Finally, let us touch on the most important point of all. It seems to us that the proposed trip would be morally wrong. And therefore that it would be wrong from any point of view. For there are many millions of Americans who still believe that "morality sees further than intellect," and that moral considerations are not to be flouted for expediency. We think this visit would be wrong on your part because it would completely repudiate both the principles and the promises on which you were elected. We think it would be wrong because you would be catering to the ambitions and serving the purposes of men who have done their utmost to destroy all loyalty to God, to country, and to family. They are a part of a worldwide Conspiracy which allows no ultimate loyalty to anything except international Communism, and to the goal of a one-world Communist empire into which our country would be absorbed. They seek to destroy the entire old order of civilization, so painfully built up by our ancestors over many centuries, in order to fasten on its ruins the "new order" of their absolute, atheistic, amoral, and merciless tyranny. Why help them in any way? Especially since you were so emphatic throughout all of 1968 in your promises not to do so. We beg of you, Mr. President, with all the earnestness of which we are capable, to reconsider this decision, and

Please do not go!

Sincerely and respectfully,

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#### A Note To Patriotic Americans

As soon as you have five signatures, with the corresponding addresses, on this refter, we suggest that you mail it at once to President Richard M. Nixon. The White House, Washington, O.C. 20800.

As a public service diving the fall months of 1971 we are making additional copies of A Protest To The President available at less than our cost. They may be purchased, in quantities of any size, at fifty copies for one dollar, from any American Opinian bookstore, or by man pustional from

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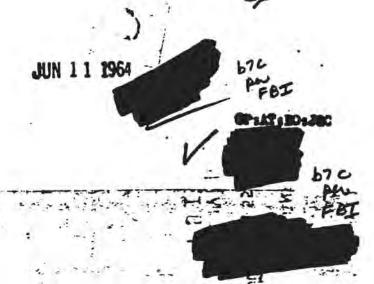
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Your letter of May 21, 1964, to Mr. J. Edgar Heever, concerning the Buntley-Brinkley news broadcast on May 20 about a seisure of guns, was forwarded to this effice for reply. You were particularly concorned about the statements made by an unidentified man who was injerviewed, to the effect that the persons arrested said that they was selling guns to the John Birch Society.

First, the investigation, arrests and solsures in this case were not oppointed by the F.B.I., but by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

His interview was not authorized of Banctioned by this Division or any other government agency.

It is unfortunate that the person interviewed mentioned the statement about the John Birch Scciety; he did attribute it to the arrested gun dealers. It is doubtful that betodisidered the full implications and it is certain that this Division Chief the evidence of any sale or negotiations for sale of weapons to the John Birch Society by these dealers or any others. 이 내 한 JUN 16

We appreciate your interest and gold that this information will be FI Warice helpful to you. 62-1049

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

Serial: J9549-96

26 August 1996

Mr. Ernie Lazar P.O. Box 423434 San Francisco, CA 94142-3434

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 3 May 1996 addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for records pertaining to the John Birch Society. On 9 August 1996, the FBI referred one NSA document with enclosure to this Agency for review and direct response to you. The document (responsive to Item B) has been reviewed as required by the FOIA and is being released to you.

The name of an NSA/CSS employee has been deleted from the enclosure. This deletion is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statute applicable in this case is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 402 note).

Since the deletion may be construed as a partial denial of your request, you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person denied access to information may, within 60 days after notification of the denial, file an appeal to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6000. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes release of the information is required. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority shall respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. CAVANAUGH Deputy Director of Policy

Encl:



### TIONAL SECULATY AGENCY T GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

Seriel: L23/04 18 January 1966

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation Ninth Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW John Black Spacety Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

Since Mr. Scott Petersen's Letter, dated 14 January 1966, is believed to be more pertinent to your interests, it is forwarded to you for evaluation and action as deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

Chief, Staff Message Control Division National Security Agency

Incl: a/s

Copy Furnished: Mr. Scott Petersen (Less Incl) Box 1030 Augustana College Rock Island, Illinois 6/20/

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CORRESPONDENCE

Box 1030 Augustana College Rock Island, Illir January 14, 1966

National Security agency Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Dear Sirs:

I am a political science major at Augustana College. For topic of discussion, I would appreciate some information on how our government looks at the John Birch Society. Information describing this organization is easily obtainable but it lacks in this respect What is its status, its membership, and its goals and ideals in the eyes of Washington?? I would appreciate specification rather that generalities.

Thank you very much. I remain

Respectfully yours,

Scott Petersen

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

#### UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995

August 15, 1996

FOI/Privacy Office

Mr. Ernie Lazar P.O. Box 423434 San Francisco, California 94142-3434

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This is in response to your letter of May 3, 1991, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) requesting, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) records concerning the John Birch Society. The FBI, on August 8, 1996, forwarded your letter, along with Army-originated records retrieved from their files, to this office for a decision as to the releasability of the information to you. The correspondence was received on August 14, 1996.

We have reviewed the information in the Army records and have determined it to be releasable to you. A copy is enclosed for your use. Duplication fees are waived.

We have been informed by the FBI that the information highlighted in black has been deleted pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA. To aid you in identifying the FBI exempted information, we have annotated it in red.

The withholding of the information by the FBI constitutes a partial denial of your request and you have the right to appeal this decision. If you decide to file an appeal, it should be sent to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 7238 Main, Washington, DC 20530. The envelope and the letter should be marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact Ms. Benear at (301) 677-4501. Please refer to case #1193F-96.

Sincerely,

Russell A. Nichols

Chief, Freedom of Information/ Privacy Office

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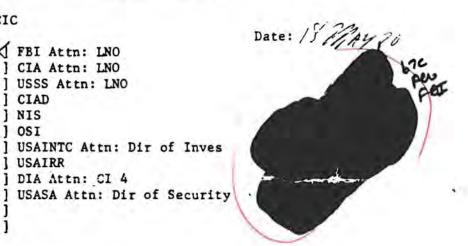
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Attached forwarded for your information.

[ ] Attached forwarded for appropriate action.

No further action contemplated by this office.

[ ] Your office will be kept informed of status of this case.

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Cys furnished:

WERNER E. MICHEL

Colonel, GS

Chief, Counterintelligence Division

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JAMES L DONAGHUE

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Jentlemen:

I am sending three separate copies of this lutter, including a copy of the enclosure, to Army Intelligence, Mavel Intelligence and air Force Intelligence. This is a follow up of my telegram to you of yesterday in which I advised you of the fact that an ... J. Agnew, whom I believe to be the Fice President of the United Itates is on the recutive Committee of the John Birch Included. According to various sources I have been informed that your organization is definitely not "pro" the John Birch Includy.

As my telegram to you yesterday indicated, I believe the fact that the Vice President of the United States may be on the Shard of Sirectors of the John Birch Speiety should be taken into account in any military directives to your organisation from the White House.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

James L. Donaghue

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Mr. James L. Donaghue 6513 Cedar Avenue Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Donaghue:

Thank you for your letters of March 24, 1970 and March 30, 1970. Let me begin by correcting a rather serious misunderstanding on your part of The John Birch Society's methods of operation. We are a nonprofit educational corporation working to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. We conduct no secret meetings and pursue no "underground" activities whatever. We are an army fighting with facts, and truth is our only weapon.

It may surprise you to learn that we already operate the largest chain of bookstores in the country (over 400), where we aggressively attempt to reach as many as we can with our literature. Our Speakers Bureau schedules the largest number of speeches per month of any bureau in the world. Our Chapters are presently scheduling over 1,000 film showin as per month. That you have not been aware of these facts is one indication of how slanted the public reportind of our activities has been.

Your comments on the Penkovsky Papers were most interesting. We not only made the book available to our members, but we also gave it an extensive review in our magazine, American Opinion. Unforturately, I am not familiar with the book published in Pussia, which you mentioned.

Thank you again for your letters. I hope this reply has changed "our outlook on our methods.

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